Memorandum Submitted on Behalf of Cotton Growers of Andhra Pradesh

429. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an all party delegation from Andhra Pradesh met the Prime Minister and submitted a memorandum to redress the grievances of cotton growers of Guntur and Prakasum districts;

(b) if so, what are the details of the memorandum; and

(c) what steps have been taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Their main demands were that the Government should immediately rescind its decision to import cotton, that CCI should intervene and buy cotton from the cotton growers of A. P. and that the Government should immediately constitute a Statutory Board on the lines of Tobacco Board to regulate the production and marketing of cotton.

(c) In the context of Bilateral Trade Agreements, the Government has authorised Cotton Corporation of India to meet the requirements of cotton of some of our neighbouring countries like Nepal, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka upto a limit of 30,000 bales. The Corporation has offered to purchase MCU-5 variety on Fair Average Quality (FAQ parameters) at Rs. 1300 per quintal and FAQ JKHY at Rs. 1200 per quintal.

In view of the hardships being faced by the handloom weavers in the country and particularly in Andhra Pradesh because of high cotton prices resulting in high hank yarn prices, Government had taken a decision to allow import upto 2 lakh bales of cotton exclusively for conversion into hank yarn. Though no cotton has actually been imported in this Scheme, due to changes in the domestic and international price situation, this decision had a sobering effect on the cotton and consequently on prices of hank yarn also.

Purchase of Cotton by National Textile Corporation

430. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total quantity of cotton purchased by National Textiles Corporation during the last three years; and

(b) what is the amount of it that was supplied by Cotton Corporation of India and private agencies separately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) The total quantity of cotton purchased by National Textile Corporation during 1988-89 to 1990-91 is given below:

Year	Number of bales purchased
1988-89	10,72,374
1989-90	12,36,672
1990-91	9,45,752

(b) The amount of cotton purchased from Cotton Corporation of India and Private Agencies during the year 1988-89 to 1990-91 is given below:

Year	Number of bales	
	CCI	Private Agencies
1988-89	2,68,405	1,64,959
1989-90	4,10,228	98,803
1990-91	3,72,327	76,404

Closure of Tripura Jute Mills Limited

431. SHRI MOTURU HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Tripura Jute Mills Limited is facing closure; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to keep the mills in the running conditions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT) : (a) and (b) The primary responsibility for the rehabilitation of Tripura Jute Mills Ltd. lies with the Government of Tripura. The Government of Tripura have not yet formulated a technically feasible & economically viable package for the revival of Tripura Jute Mills, that bears the concurrence of all parties concerned and could be taken up for implementation. The Board for Industrial & Financial Reconstruction would be the appropriate agency to determine and enforce the measures necessary for the revitalisation of Tripura Jute Mills Ltd. under the provision of Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1987.

Stoppage of JCTS operation in Tripura

432. SHRI ASHIS SEN : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Jute Corporation of India (JCI) has stopped its operation in Tripura ; and

(b) if not, what is the performance of the JCI in Tripura during the last jute session, both in quantity and money-wise details ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Jute Corporation of India, in association with its cooperative agents procured 28,548 quintals of raw jute valued at about Rs. 90.00 lakhs from Tripura during the 1991-92 Jute Season.

वस्त्र उद्योग के बेरोजगार कर्मचारी

433. श्री लक्खीराम अग्रवाल : क्या वस्त्र मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) गत पांच वर्षों के दौरान वस्त्र उद्योग के कें कितने कर्मचारी बेरोजगार हो गये हैं और क्या इसके लिए 1985 की वस्त्र नीति जिम्मेदार है ;

(ख) क्या वस्त्र एककों की उत्पादन क्षमता में कमी आयी है ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार विवादास्पद जिलों का अधिग्रहण करने का विचार रखती है ?

वस्त्र मंत्रालय के राज्यमंत्री (श्री अशोक गहलोत) : (क) वस्त्र उद्योग में कुल रोजगार बढ़ रहा है।

(ख) जी नहीं ।

(ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

434. [*Transferred to the 17th July, 1992*]

Privatisation of Profitable N.T.C. Subsidiaries

435. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to privatise the profitable National Textile Corporation subsidiaries ;

(b) if so, the details in this regard ;

(c) whether to acquire financial assistance from I.F.C. Government propose to handover National Textile Corporation subsidiaries in private hands ;

(d) if so, the terms and conditions under which National Textiles Corporation proposes to get loans ; and

(e) the reasons for privatising only profitable National Textile Corporation subsidiaries ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT) : (a) No decision has, so far, been taken to privatise the profitable NTC Subsidiaries.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Revival Plan by NJMC.

436. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Jute Manufacture's Corporation has submitted a detailed revival plan to Government for approval ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether Government have since ascertained the cause of losses in the NJMC ;